

Greetings from Fair-Amount Food Forest!

We are reaching out to request your written support of our initiative. Enclosed, you will find an informational sheet explaining who we are and why you should support us, a basic letter of support, and contribution form.

We encourage you to fill these out with your name, any relevant qualifications, and information about your organization. Please use the supplemental form on the back of the letter to detail any specific contributions you intend to provide, and use the allotted space next to each checkbox for any clarifications, for example: teaching soil science, bee-hive stewardship, landscape design, or lumber and plant donations. If applicable and not too much trouble, please include your organization's letterhead.

We are excited to join the community of Philadelphia in efforts to make it a more beautiful, equitable, and self-reliant city to live in. Your support is indispensable to us, and we hope to explore ways that we could help each other and work together in the future. Please do not hesitate to add your contact information

Thank You Kindly,

The Fair-Amount Food Forest Collective

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Our priority is utilizing public land for community benefit and use, to bring people together and to address a myriad of problems such as fresh food scarcity, pollution, and environmental degradation. Additionally, we look for possible solutions which include self reliance, platforms for sharing ideas and concerns within our neighborhoods, and an appreciation for our natural world.

If you envision a better world for yourself, your children, loved ones and friends, please join us in support of: caring for the earth, people helping people, sustainable food sources for all, and an outlet for information, education, resilience and empowerment.

Please visit our website to get involved or sign our online petition!

www.fairamountfoodforest.org

Letter of Support for the Fair-Amount Food Forest

Establishment of a Multi-Acre Public Edible Forest Garden in Philadelphia

Date: _____

Re: Support for the Fair-Amount Food Forest

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for **Fair-Amount Food Forest**, an initiative that will establish and steward a medium scale edible forest garden on public land in Philadelphia. A Food Forest, being an age-old agricultural strategy involving diverse types of edible and climate appropriate plants, grows to form strong, mutually supportive relationships which create a system that sustains itself over time. Food forests produce high yields of food, with minimal maintenance – humans design with nature to let nature work on her own. We recognize the importance of public engagement around issues of food systems and environment, and stand behind this initiative. The Fair-Amount Food Forest Collective intends to facilitate the education of the public on growing and maintaining food sources in our own neighborhoods, on public land, while empowering communities with knowledge of agriculture, sustainable building, local ecosystems, grassroots organization and group engagement.

I / We, _____, support the organization and work being done for the Fair-Amount Food Forest project.

Additional comments:

Sincerely,

Name (printed): _____

Title and Organization (if applicable): _____

Contact Information: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Contribution Form

In support of the Fair-Amount Food Forest initiative, I pledge the following contributions:

- Professional or expert advice: _____
- Design
- Construction
- Special project or installation: _____
- Plants
- Materials: _____
- Teaching: _____
- Curriculum development
- School Relationships
- Community Outreach
- Advertising and Exposure
- Financial contribution
- Volunteering
- Volunteer groups
- Other professional services: _____
- Other: _____

Name (printed): _____

Title and Organization (if applicable): _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____